



Staple Hill

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Clothes Don't Make a Person

A question asked in an Extra Slice group was: “*Do you have different clothes for different occasions?*” Everyone answered “Yes”.

My husband always wore a collar and tie, whether he was tinkering with the car or even gardening. It was his clothing for all occasions. However, I have never been fashionable. I have worn comfortable clothes rather than dressing up. So for me, I'd rather talk about what I don't like wearing ... I really don't like trousers (yet I wear them); I don't like tight clothes or pyjamas; strong shoes are out of the question; and I certainly don't like swim-wear (I wonder why!).

Clothes, of course, are a necessity and we have a choice. Something I'd always loved to wear was my army bonnet and uniform, simply because I was taught that it was a witness for Christ. Although bonnets are no longer around we are still expected to please God, our Heavenly Father. We are expected to clothe ourselves in God's image as our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in us, and given to us by God alone.

The scripture says: “*You do not belong to yourselves but to God; he bought you for a price. So use your bodies for God's glory.*” [1 Corinthians 6 v 19-20](#).

Doris Pearce



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PEOPLE:

We continue to remember those who are grieving at the moment that God would comfort them at this most difficult time. In particular, we remember:

- Jayne Kooistra and her family, as we lead the service of her mother, Joan Ashmead this coming Wednesday, 19th at 11.30am at Westerleigh Crematorium.
- Pauline, Simon, and Janine and their family, as they prepare for Bob's funeral on Friday, 28th January. This will take place at Westerleigh Crematorium at 11.45am, followed by a service of celebration at our hall at 1pm. We will be ensuring that the hall is the best it can be, and so if you are able to help clean and tidy on Thursday, 27th January between 1.45pm and 3.45pm, that would be really helpful - please let me (Colin) know if you are free.

Clive started new treatment for cancer this week so we pray for both Clive, Pauline, as well as Beth and Carolyn. Jill is still very poorly, but Les and Rita are slowing making good progress. It has come to my attention that there are a number of people with dodgy knees - please continue to remember, support and encourage as we (k)need each other!

SAFETY MEASURES WHEN IN OUR BUILDING:

- We encourage you to take a Lateral Flow Test before attending our building
- All windows will remain open at all times, so please wear an extra layer
- Please wash your hands or use sanitiser on arrival and regularly whilst attending
- Please wear a mask at all times (unless you are exempt or when playing in band or singing in Songsters/Singing Company, speaking/reading from the platform)
- All chairs will be spaced further apart than previously
- Red cards are available if you don't want anyone to sit too close
- Your attendance will be noted so that we can contact you if someone close by has tested positive
- Please notify us if you test positive after attending
- We will increase the cleaning of 'touch points' before activities
- There will be no refreshments served after the Sunday meeting



THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 16th January:

- 10am Sunday meeting - *at the hall and available online later*
'Being Together: To Share the Good News'
Immediately followed by Children and Youth activities

Tuesday 18th January:

- 11am Extra Slice Group at the hall with Kelvin
6:15pm YP Band Practice
7:15pm Singing Company Practice
8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 19th January:

- 9.30am & 11am Tots on the Hill - *booking in required*
11:30am Funeral of Joan Ashmead (*Westerleigh*)
3.30pm Online Extra Slice group with Gerry
7.45pm Extra Slice Group at Linda's
8.15pm Online Extra Slice Group with Beth

Thursday 20th January:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club
7pm Staple Hill Partnership meeting (*Bradbury Hall*)
7.45pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's
8.15pm Online Extra Slice Group with Rachel & Ian

Sunday 23rd January:

- 10am Sunday meeting - *at the hall and available online later*
'Being Together: To Serve Without Discrimination'
Immediately followed by Children and Youth activities

